REMARKS

The Official Action dated January 25, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully noted. In response thereto, claims 12-16 and 19-28 have been canceled in their entirety without prejudice nor disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein as being directed to a non-elected invention while new claims 35-40 have been added in order to further define that which Applicants regard as the invention and for the reasons set forth in detail hereinbelow. Accordingly, claims 29-40 are presently pending in the instant application.

As noted hereinabove, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II, claims 29-34, drawn to a mounting holder for a vibration motor with an eccentric weight and a plane including a pair of attachment faces which intersect with a circular orbit of the outermost point of the eccentric weight at two points. This election being made without traverse.

In addition to the foregoing election, Applicants have added new claims 35-40 including new independent claim 35, which are substantially similar to claims 29-34 added by Applicant's previous Amendment. It is respectfully submitted that such claims are properly included in the Group II invention noted above. Further, these claims are similar to claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 18 of U.S. Patent No. 7,023,114 to Takagi et al. issued April 4, 2006, based on U.S. Patent Application No. 10/957,586 filed October 5, 2004. As U.S. Patent No. 7,023,114 was granted on April 4, 2006, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants are entitled under 35 U.S.C. §135(b)(1) to make such claim in the present application. Further, in that Applicants currently pending application was placed on file on December 22, 2003, prior to the publication of the '114 patent, which published April 7, 2005, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants are likewise entitled to make such claim under 35 U.S.C. §135(b)(2).

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In view of the foregoing election and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claims 29-40 be examined on their merits, that such claims be allowed and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

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